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May 11 City Election Includes 4 Bond Proposals

Broken Arrow's City Council has approved a May 11 election which will include four bond propositions totaling \$53 million, to be paid back over a five-year period.

Following tradition on City bond elections, the biggest percentage of the funding will be for transportation projects: streets, roads and intersections. Those projects total \$27,375,000.

The second proposition is for \$12,770,000 and includes public safety facilities, including a new fire and police emergency operation center.

Proposition No. 3 will include \$5,155,000 to provided funds for parks and recreation utilities to be owned exclusively by the City. The fourth package includes \$8,075,000 for a one-story conference/convention center and a new historical museum and park in the downtown area.

Here is a list of all the projects and their costs:

Transportation – widening Albany to three lanes from Lynn Lane to County Line Road, \$1,320,000; widening New Orleans to five lanes from Elm to Lynn Lane, \$1,550,000; reconstruction and improvements to the intersection of Elm Street and New Orleans, including relocation of signal lights and acquisition of right-of-way, \$460,000; widening Lynn Lane to three lanes from Omaha to Albany, \$1,320,000; resurfacing four lanes of Kenosha from County Line Road to 93rd Street (about 5 1/2 miles), \$920,000; widening New Orleans to three lanes from Lynn Lane to County Line Road, \$1,895,000; widening Aspen to five lanes from New Orleans to Florence, \$2,070,000.

Also in transportation – widening Elm to three lanes from Jasper to Tucson, \$1,150,000; widening Olive to three lanes from Kenosha to Houston, \$1,380,000; widening Washington to three lanes from 1st Street to Lynn Lane, \$1,435,000; widening Kenosha to five lanes from 37th Street to the Creek Turnpike, \$1,035,000; reconstruction of and improvements to the intersection of Olive and New Orleans, \$745,000; widening of Kenosha to five lanes from County Line Road to 37th Street, \$1,895,000; widening Olive to three lanes from

Houston to Washington, \$1,265,000; and widening Washington to four lanes from Elm to 1st Street, \$722,500.

That totals \$19,162,500, which is the required 70 percent specified projects from the \$27,375,000.

The Public Safety package includes – a new emergency operation center to be located in south Broken Arrow, including a fire station to replace an existing station. The building would be a secured facility, with hardened walls and constructed partially underground. Cost \$7,500,000.

Also, renovation of the existing police department building, \$545,000; construction of Phase II of the existing police and fire training center, \$2,400,000; acquisition, construction, equipping and furnishing a new fire station in the southwest quadrant of the city, \$2,050,000; and buying and installing additional warning sirens to the City's civil defense program, \$275,000.

The third proposition for parks and recreation includes – Phase II of the youth football complex at Nienhuis Park, \$1,560,000; replacement of baseball field lighting at Indian Springs Sports Complex, \$455,000; replacement of existing spray and splash pool at Haskell Park, \$70,000; improvements at Nienhuis Park, including installation of spectator seating, a parks maintenance facility and two picnic shelters, \$455,000; a nature center at Ray Harrell Park, \$585,000; improvements at Battle Creek Golf Course, \$750,000; acquisition of land in Wagoner County for the construction of a community/fitness center, \$1,000,000; expansion and modernization of Indian Springs Sports Complex, \$185,000; and construction of four picnic shelters within the city, \$95,000.

The fourth proposition includes the convention/conference center along the BA Expressway, \$6,575,000; and the historical museum and park in downtown, \$1,500,000.

City Sponsors Hershey Track Meet Again

After a very successful debut last year, the Hershey Track & Field Meet will once again be sponsored by the Broken Arrow Parks & Recreation Department on Saturday, April 3, at the South Intermediate High School track.

The competition, open to boys and girls ages 9 to 14, is one of several across the nation. Qualifiers here advance to the state meet. There is a regional level and then a national championship in August. All are part of the Hershey's Youth Program (Hershey chocolate in Pennsylvania).

Entries must be hand delivered to or filled out at the Broken Arrow Community Center no later than 6 p.m. Friday, March 26. A legal birth certificate must accompany each entry.

Ribbons will be awarded to the first six placers in each event. The first two placers in each event qualify for the June 26 State Meet in Norman.

Last year one relay team from Muskogee advanced to the Nationals. Several others made it to the regionals.

There are sprint races for individuals in each age group, as well as relays for the older competitors and field events. Age divisions are 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14 for both boys and girls.

For more information go to the Community Center at 1500 S. Main or call Melissa Parker at 259-8437.

Spring Volleyball League Signing Up Players

There is only one week left for registration in the spring volleyball leagues at the Community Center in Central Park. Deadline is March 12 for the leagues, which begin four days later.

Melissa Parker, Director of the Recreation Programs for Parks & Recreation, reports that there will be a limit of 10 teams in each division except the Monday night Power Leagues, so those wishing to play should sign up as soon as possible.

There will be Coed Power 6-on-6 league with a cost of \$165 per team, and a Coed Intermediate 1 team on Thursday nights for \$195 per team.

In addition, there will be an Organizational League on Tuesday nights for \$195 and a Women's 4-on-4 on Tuesday nights for \$110. A Reverse Coed league will play on Thursday nights, with a fee of \$150 per team.

Referees will be provided for games in the Coed Intermediate and Organizational leagues. First place prizes will be given to the final tournament. The league season lasts eight weeks.

For more information call Parker at 259-8438 or email her at mparker@brokenarrowok.gov.

City 'Home' Built for Home & Garden Show

Broken Arrow will once again occupy some "prime real estate" at the 2004 Tulsa area Home & Garden Show at the State Fairgrounds.

This year the BA Police Department is taking a lead role in putting together the booth, with a focus on "neighborhoods" and public safety. Lisa Ford, Crime Prevention Specialist, and David Blue of the Parks & Recreation Department have been working on the booth design.

Volunteers from the City will man the booth throughout the show (March 11-14), and plenty of free information will be available all four days and nights.

Police Officer Applications Being Taken

The Broken Arrow Police Officer written and physical agility tests are scheduled for Saturday, April 24. Applications must be received by April 9, to participate in the April testing. Minimum requirements are:

- Be at least 21 years of age
- Have an associates degree or have at least 64 hours of college credit from an accredited college or university

- Must not have been convicted of a felony or a crime of moral turpitude, including any misdemeanor or felony conviction of domestic violence
- Have no more than 3 moving traffic violations in the past 5 years or 1 at-fault accident and 2 moving traffic violations in the past 5 years
- Must not have a DUI, reckless driving or similar violation in the past 7 years

College transcripts are required to be eligible for the test. Minimum starting salary is \$2,621 per month with an excellent benefit program. Applications may be obtained at City Hall, 220 South First, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, or at www.brokenarrowok.gov. The City is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, race, color, religion, sex, disability or national origin.